

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

*“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him” Mt 17:5c*



Mass Intentions for the Week



**Aug 5, First Saturday, Weekday,
The Dedication of the Basilica
of St. Mary Major; BVM**

12:05 Michael Donatucci
5:15 Baby Karli Anna Hoch

Aug 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 Pro populo- For the People of the Parish
9:30 Doris Schatzman
11:00 Frank Rizzo & Family
12:30 Claudino Colon
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

**Aug 7, Monday, Weekday, St. Sixtus II, Pope,
and companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest**

7:15 Arthur Quici
12:05 Christine Morgan & Sylvester Hopewell

Aug 8, Tuesday, St. Dominic, Priest

7:15 Daniel Candelora
12:05 Henry J. Hagan

**Aug 9, Wednesday, Weekday,
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin & Martyr**

7:15 John & Sharon Best
12:05 Silverio Berarducci

**Aug 10, Thursday, St. Lawrence,
Deacon & Martyr**

7:15 Matthew Best
12:05 Joe Best

Aug 11, Friday, St. Clare, Virgin

7:15 Catharine Brennan
12:05 David Best

**Aug 12, Saturday, Weekday, St. Jane
Frances de Chantal, Religious; BVM**

12:05 Michael Donatucci
5:15 Jean M. Gilroy

Aug 13, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro populo- For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galypo, Greco Family
11:00 Alessandro Giacomucci & Family
12:30 Josefina Perez
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord! This event of the Lord's marvelous transfigured appearance to his Apostles on the mountain filled them with great hope in the promise of the Resurrection. The Apostles were called by the Lord to a new way of life, his way of life. This is a life of true conversion from sin, and living in radical fidelity to his teachings. This new way of life has at its centerpiece a union with Jesus in all things, even to the point of being united with him in his suffering and death. As the Apostles struggle to accept all of this and to be faithful, the Lord shows himself in his glory to comfort them, strengthen them, and encourage them as his followers. Today, as we meet the same transfigured Lord in the celebration of Mass, especially in our reception of Holy Communion, we are meeting the Lord on a type of mountain. Like the Apostles, we desire to be faithful to the Lord in all things and to be united to him in his suffering and death. Yet it is difficult. Sometimes it seems very difficult. Today we are offered the same hope shared with the Apostles. Faithfulness to the Lord and his ways, and his way of life, holds out for us the promise of sharing in his glory, a share generously given to all of us with his Resurrection. *Let us trust in the promise of the Transfiguration of the Lord and be encouraged and renewed in our fidelity to him.*

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is the major source of support for a number of social and educational efforts in our area. This only happens each year through the goodness and generosity of so many Catholics throughout the Archdiocese. The Appeal is at the midpoint and also only at 58% of its goal. Our parish goal is fifty-thousand dollars and we are at 47% of our goal. Please consider making your parish contribution to the Appeal if you have not done so already. This can be done by simply placing your contribution in the Offertory Collection with an indication that it is for the Catholic Charities Appeal, or by contacting The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia directly (<https://www.catholicfoundationphila.org/>).

Summer is quickly passing and soon the children in our parish will be back in school. Parents, as you make preparations for the new school year, please do not forget the obligation to provide for the religious education of your children. If your children are seven years of age, it is time to prepare them for First Penance and First Holy Communion. If they are in the later years of elementary school, it is time to prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation. *If your children are of age for the Sacraments, please contact Mrs. Patricia Smith, our Parish Coordination of Religious Education, through the Parish Office to enroll them in our Parish Religious Education Program or fill out the electronic form on our website which can be found under Sacraments: [cathedralphila.org/](https://www.catholicfoundationphila.org/).*

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will go to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways, and to the *Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.* God bless you, Father Dennis Gill



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the Parish Office for more info.



HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**.

Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity, God bless you.

GIVE TO GROW

Together



JOIN US IN WELCOMING MARK LORIA, OUR NEW CATHEDRAL ORGANIST!



A native of Staten Island, NY, Mark Loria was appointed Principal Organist of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in 2017. He has previously served as Organist and Accompanist of Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, NJ and as Associate Organist of the Church of Saint Jean Baptiste in New York City. For four seasons, he served as keyboardist and assistant conductor for the contemporary music ensemble, Orchestra 2001, with whom he has presented the music of George Crumb to audiences in Cuba, United Arab Emirates, and China. He has appeared as guest conductor with the New York-based *ensemble mise-en*, whom he has led in world premieres of music by Elisabeth Harnik, Eric Lyon, Karen Power, Brian Fennelly, and Reiko Futing. He holds degrees from Swarthmore College and Westminster Choir College and is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists.



Upcoming Concert at the Basilica

Monday August 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm

The Same Stream, an East Coast based professional choir quickly making a name for itself on the national and international music scenes, is happy to announce their upcoming collaboration with world renowned composer Paul Mealor. The choir will be performing some of Paul's most famous pieces, including his Stabat Mater, as well as a collection of newer repertoire in concert **with a post-concert reception and Q&A with the composer to follow the performance**. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert. Audience members are invited to a post-concert wine and cheese reception, talk, and meet-and-greet with conductor James Jordan, composer Paul Mealor, and members of the choir. Premium, reserved seating tickets for the concert and reception are \$20 each. Tickets for the concert only are free. **For tickets and more information, please visit:** www.thesamestreamchoir.com/concerts

CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE

Informational Session #2 - Thursday, August 17th Gathering at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2017-2018 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. **Location:** Neumann Room, behind the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Parking is available in the Cathedral lot, use entrance on 17th St. **To RSVP Contact:** Gina at 215-962-2640 or Eileen at 215-370-1848.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

Sundays at 5:30 AM - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6.
Rebroadcast each Sun. at: 9 AM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital • 10:30 AM, LaSalle University 56 • 5:00 PM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors. If you only put \$1 in the collection would you consider \$5, if you put \$10, would you consider \$20? The Offertory Collection for 07/30/2017 was \$7,710.50. **Thank you very much for your generous financial support. God bless you!**

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

*Thomas Sabol, Sister Elizabeth Powell, RSM, Susan Kirk, Robert Dove, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David, David O'Shea, Mary McManus, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, Janet Campellone, Giuseppe Giuliani, Nancy Rice, Frank Byrne, Gerald Leo, Eileen Swartz, Dan Moyer, Rose Johnston, William Zawacki, Carla McCollaum, David Hernandez, Edward Panek, Irene McCarthy, Paige Bednarsky, Patrick DiGiovanni, Patricia Capone, Rosemary Lovett, Grace Teti, Nick Capozio, Darcel Burney, Fred Hankinson, Renee Kenny, Thomas J. Kenny, Stacey Smit, Anadelia Cacique, Alis de Pachecho, JoAnn Stein, Francis Pham, William Spiro, Scott Towers, Daniel Moyer Sr., James Pinto, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.. **Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list. Por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas.***

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Aug 7** Same Stream Concert, Basilica, 7:00 pm
- Aug 8** Legion of Mary Meeting,
Neumann Room, 7:00 pm
- Aug 8-10** Basilica & Chapel will close at 3:00 pm
- Aug 9** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 am
Charismatic Prayer Group,
Neumann Room, 6:00 pm
- Aug 15** Solemnity of the Assumption

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

-Próximo Concierto en la Basílica -

Lunes, 7 de agosto de 2017 at 7:30 pm

Coro Same Stream (Donación voluntaria)

Si desea asistir a la charla en inglés después del concierto puede comprar boletos en: thesamestreamchoir.com/concerts

◆ Solemnidad de la Asunción ◆

Martes, 15 de agosto de 2017

Es un Día de Precepto por tanto nos es obligatorio asistir a la Sta. Misa. El horario de las Misas en esta

solemne ocasión es: **Lunes, 14 de agosto: (La Vigilia)**

5:15pm - en la Capilla, con música

Martes, 15 de agosto:

- 7:15 am - en la Capilla • 12:05 pm en la Basílica
- 12:35 pm - en la Capilla • 5:15 pm - en la Capilla
- 7:00 pm en la Basílica, con música;
en el Rito Extraordinario (en Latín)

Celebración de la Santísima Virgen

Domingo, 20 de Agosto, 2017 a la 1:30 pm

Durante la Misa de español de las 12:30pm estaremos celebrando a Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles, la patrona de Costa Rica, y a Nuestra Señora De la Candelaria de Copacabana, patrona de Bolivia. Al terminar la misa, todos los feligreses están invitados para un compartir en el salón de la Capilla. Aquellas personas que quisieran compartir un plato típico, será bien recibido.

Un Día para la Familia!

En el Seminario San Carlos Borromeo

¿Cuándo? El Domingos, 17 de Septiembre, de 12:00 pm a 5:30 pm, comenzando con la Misa

¿Para quien? Hombres jóvenes hispanos en la escuela secundaria y mayores junto con sus familias

¿Para que? Los participantes podrán recorrer los terrenos, jugar un partido de futbol con los seminaristas, y asistir a las Vísperas en la tarde.

Habrá música en vivo, comida, refrescos, juegos para los niños, oración, y mucho mas.

Para mas información y para registrarse llame a la Oficina para Católicos Hispanos al 215-667-2820

Dirección: 100 East Wynnewood Rd,
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Holy Hour in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima



Sun, August 13, 5:30 pm (Basilica)

Prior to the 6:30 pm Sunday Mass

On the 13th of the month of May to October, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be exposed for public veneration during normal Cathedral hours, affording the faithful the opportunity to receive the Fatima Jubilee Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. archphila.org/fatima

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

“¡AJÁ!”

Los tres discípulos en lo alto del monte con Jesús lo ven transformarse radiante de luz, y acompañado de Moisés, que le presentó las tablas de la ley al pueblo, y de Elías, profeta entre los profetas. Pedro, el más impetuoso de todos, quiere prolongar el momento y hacer tres tiendas para que la visión de la gloria quede de alguna manera preservada. Pero el momento pasa y ellos ven de nuevo sólo al Jesús que conocen y que descende de la montaña con ellos para volver a la realidad de la vida cotidiana. No obstante, la experiencia transforma a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan. El rompecabezas por fin queda armado cuando ellos caen en cuenta de quién es Jesús. Los indicios acerca del regreso de Elías que se encuentran en las Escrituras se cumplieron en la persona de Juan el Bautista, que proclamó la venida del Mesías; pero le dieron muerte, pues sus palabras cayeron en oídos sordos. Ahora los discípulos reconocen a Jesús como el Mesías. Es el momento en que se dice, “¡ajá!”, ese profundo momento que les da la fortaleza y el propósito para seguir a Jesús rechazado, sufriente y aún hasta su muerte. Cuando nuestro caminar se nos hace bien difícil, ¿cuántos de nosotros no hemos deseado la intervención divina para darnos fortaleza o resolvernos nuestros problemas? Y sin embargo, abundan las personas que ganaron la lotería, no la usaron prudentemente y terminaron peor que antes. Dios está presente en nuestra vida, pero tal vez no lo reconozcamos porque su presencia no viene acompañada de luces celestes, ángeles y trompetas. Piensa en el amigo o la amiga que te llamó todos los días cuando estabas enfermo; el miembro de tu familia que por fin decidió buscar ayuda para su adicción; el extraño que te devolvió el dinero que se te había caído; el abogado que tomó tu caso *pro bono*; el gerente que te ofreció el trabajo. ¿Acaso no demuestran estas cosas el poder transformador de Dios? ¡Abre tus ojos y verás!

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

“Haz una lista durante una semana de las evidencias del poder transformador de Dios en tu vida. Da gracias. Repite esta acción.

Solemnity of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

This Solemnity is a **Holy Day of Obligation**; the Cathedral Mass schedule in such solemnities is the following:

- ◆ 5:15 Vigil Mass, with music, in the Chapel
 - ◆ 7:15 am in the Chapel
 - ◆ 12:05 pm, with music, in the Basilica
 - ◆ 12:35 pm, in the Chapel
 - ◆ 5:15 pm, in the Chapel
 - ◆ 7:00 pm in the Extraordinary Form, in the Basilica
- Mater Ecclesiae Church will celebrate the 17th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul. The Solemn High Choral Mass in the Extraordinary Form will begin at 7:00 pm** and will once again feature the Ars Laudis Festival Chorus & Orchestra.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish

Friday, October 6, 2017, 7:30 pm:

Discipleship Series - Session Four: Christian Disciples as Witnesses to Jesus and his Church to Others Presenter: Fr. Dennis Gill, Rector & Pastor of the Cathedral. **Where:** The Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North Seventeenth St., Philadelphia, PA. youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com

YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE

Become a Foster Parent!

Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information please call Catholic Social Services at (267)331-2502!

DISABILITIES & AUTISM HELP-LINE

Do you need help accessing services and support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? The CSS Developmental Programs **Help-Line** is available to answer your questions **484-472-5041**

IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org
opdarchphilly.org • developmentalprogramsp Philly.org

THE CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS will resume on September 2017

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office.

The Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima:

Mary's Perpetual Virginity

August 2017 Reflection

(Published by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office for the New Evangelization)



Sr. Lucia, one of the shepherd children to whom Our Lady appeared in Fatima, explained that Our Lady requested the First Saturdays devotion to repair the damage done by offenses against her Immaculate Heart. One of these offenses is the denial or mockery of Mary's perpetual virginity.

Catholics have believed from the very beginning of the Church that Mary remained a virgin throughout her entire life. Jesus was conceived in Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit and not through spousal relations. After the conception and birth of Jesus, Mary remained a virgin and never had sexual relations with a man. Now in heaven, body and soul, she continues to be Ever-Virgin. This is the dogma of Mary's perpetual virginity.

Why is the perpetual virginity of Mary so important to our faith? The Catechism teaches us that Our Lady's perpetual virginity anchors the truth that the incarnation of Jesus, that is, the Son of God taking on human flesh and becoming man, was wholly God's initiative. It was not a human action that brought it about, but God Himself. Along with this, Mary's perpetual virginity upholds the identity of Jesus as Son of the Eternal Father. Jesus has no father but God the Father. His virginal conception in Mary's womb reveals this.

Mary's perpetual virginity also reveals to us the profoundly intimate and tender way that God relates to us. When God acted upon Mary and the Son of God took flesh in her womb, her virginity remained intact. This teaches us that when God relates to us, it is always with deep reverence for our nature. Far from being a violent or disruptive action, God's manner of coming near to us is always a healing, preserving, and integrating experience.

Our Lady's virginity, maintained throughout her entire life, expresses in her body her perfect and sustained union with God. Mary's "yes" to God in the annunciation was a total and unreserved gift of herself to Him. Through her "yes," Mary made both her soul and body completely available to His plan. Our Lady's perpetual virginity is the sign that Mary continues, throughout her earthly life and in her heavenly existence, to be she is who wholly given over to God with an undivided heart and a body that belongs only to God. Let us ask Our Lady, through her perpetual virginity, to obtain for us an ever-deeper purity in our bodily actions and an increasingly undivided heart wholly given over to God and His plans!

(To learn more, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church #496-507)

To join in the Archdiocesan celebration of the Fatima Centennial, visit archphila.org/fatima.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Into the Wild Men's Retreat

August 10-13, 2017

An outdoor, skill-oriented weekend focused on providing men with experiences linked to a man's natural vocation as a leader, protector, and provider. Location: Raccoon Creek State Park, Camp 2, 3000 PA - 18, Hookstown, PA 15050.

More info: <http://www.intothewildweekend.com/>

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

Ticket sale ends on Aug. 10

Chaplet Prayer and Study of the Fatima Apparitions

Sunday, August 13, 2017, 7:00pm

Join us as we honor Our Lady of Fatima with prayer and a study of Our Lady's messages in Fatima!

Location: St. Paul Parish, South Philadelphia

More info: 215.923.0355

Awaken - An Encounter With Theology of the Body

Fri., August 11 (10am) - Sun., August 13, 2017 (1pm)

What does it mean to be human? What is this ache in our hearts for connection, for relationship, that even the good things of the world can't seem to totally satisfy? This journey begins and ends with the gift and mystery of our creation as male and female and our encounter with God, the world and other people. Come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human!

Location: St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverston, PA. More info: www.cvent.com

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **For more information, or to register** for one of our weekends, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

September 25-28, 2017

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar with this Type f Retreat are welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist. Cost \$150/pp. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212. 609-884-3829. www.capemaymarianists.org

Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers

We want to share a standing invitation from a group of center city lawyers to join them each Wednesday morning from 8 to 9 am to read the scripture selections for the upcoming Sunday Mass, reflect on those passages and share a few moments of prayer together. This group meets in the Neumann Room directly behind the Basilica. For more information, feel free to reach out to Mike Broadhurst at 215-569-5438 or Broadhurst@blankrome.com.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

"AHA!"

The three disciples on the mountaintop see Jesus transformed in light, accompanied by Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, the prophet of prophets. Peter, ever the impetuous one, wants to prolong the moment, to set up tents so that the vision of glory will somehow be preserved. But the moment passes and they see again only the Jesus they know, who takes them down the mountain into the everyday reality where they belong. Nevertheless, the experience transforms Peter, James, and John. The pieces of the puzzle finally drop into place as they awaken to who Jesus really is. The hints of Elijah's return in the scriptures were fulfilled in the person of John the Baptist, who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah. His words fell on deaf ears, and he was put to death. Now the disciples see the Messiah in Jesus. This profound "Aha!" moment is what gives them strength and purpose to follow Jesus through his own rejection, suffering, and death. When our journey gets really tough, how many of us have wished for divine intervention to keep us going or solve all our problems? Yet stories abound of people who won the lottery, did not use it wisely, and ended up worse than before. God's presence does extend into our lives, but we may not recognize it because there is no heavenly light with angels and trumpets. Think of the friend who called you every day when you were sick; the family member who—at last—agreed to seek help for addiction; the stranger who returned the cash you dropped; the lawyer who took your case *pro bono*; the manager who offered you the job. Are not all of these the transforming power of God? Open your eyes and see!

Living Stewardship Now

Make a daily list for one week of evidence of God's transforming power in your life. Give thanks. Repeat.

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Tours of the Cathedral Basilica

A guided tour of the Basilica is available after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary.

